

SENATOR MCCARREN FEVERISH

PHYSICIANS NONCOMMITTAL AS TO COMPLICATIONS.

Had a Restless Night—Senator Stays at 103 and Pulse at 92—Dr. Hughes Denies That Any Internal Growth That May Be There Is Cancerous.

The condition late last night of Senator Patrick H. McCarren, who was operated on in St. Catherine's Hospital in Williamsburg on Wednesday evening for appendicitis, was described by Dr. Peter Hughes, his physician, as "favorable." Dr. Hughes left the hospital at 8:30 o'clock in the evening and went to his home. He said that he would not go back to the hospital last night unless he were called. At the hour he left the hospital, the physician said, the patient's temperature was still 101 and his pulse was 92—figures which had been given out earlier in the evening. Dr. Hughes said he was well pleased with the progress Senator McCarren was making. When asked if the patient's condition was satisfactory Dr. Hughes said that no one's condition was that unless he was well.

Senator McCarren, Dr. Hughes said, was troubled with gas in the stomach—a symptom, he said, which usually followed any operation of the kind. This and his fever had made the patient rather restless through the afternoon and early night, but he had been able to get some sleep in the afternoon, Dr. Hughes said, and the physicians were hoping that he could sleep again last night.

When Dr. Hughes left the hospital, he turned Senator McCarren over to Dr. John O'Keefe, house surgeon, who took charge of the case during the remainder of the night. Dr. Hughes did not deem it necessary, he said, to issue any regular bulletins of Mr. McCarren's condition, but he did not expect to be called back to the hospital last night, he said.

Dr. Peter Hughes was called to the hospital at midnight, but it was announced that he had been called not to attend Senator McCarren but to operate on a woman patient. Dr. Hughes is the chief surgeon of St. Catherine's. Christopher Dalton, Senator McCarren's confidential man, was at the hospital at the time and said that Senator McCarren's condition at that hour was unchanged.

At 1 o'clock this morning it was said at the hospital that Senator McCarren's condition was favorable.

Senator McCarren had a fainting spell shortly after midnight. Dr. Hughes was called to his room, and after remaining with him till 1:30 he left the hospital.

Dr. Hughes said that he did not regard the fainting spell as especially serious and that the patient when he left was resting comfortably.

The condition of Senator McCarren seemed to improve slightly as he came out of the influence of the ether early in the morning. He was restless until about 5:45, when he seemed to fall into a light sleep, which continued for half an hour. Then he turned his head slightly, but did not speak, and within a few minutes he lapsed into another sleep which lasted until about 11 o'clock. Up to that time his temperature and pulse were regarded as very satisfactory. From time to time Dr. Hughes received reports of his patient and all seemed satisfactory to him.

Shortly before 8 o'clock in the morning the patient asked to see his confidential attendant, Chris Dalton and also his secretary, Dave Hogan. What conversation passed between them was not made known. There had been no inquiries as to the Senator's condition that day. Dr. Hughes issued orders that nobody be permitted in the sick room excepting the doctors and nurses.

The telephone in the hospital was kept continually ringing by friends of the Democratic leader who wanted to know his condition, until the hospital authorities decided to disconnect giving information over the phone. Early in the forenoon persons began calling at the hospital. It became necessary to detail an attendant at the front entrance to answer inquiries, and these answers were given in a room adjoining the hospital, where the patient was as well as could be expected.

The slight improvement in the Senator's condition went on and at 11 o'clock Dr. Hughes, after having been in the patient's room for some time issued a statement to the effect that the sick man's temperature was 100 and his pulse 90, that he was resting easy and occasionally having a little sleep. Dr. Hughes at that time regarded the Senator's condition as most favorable.

Early in the afternoon it was made known that there had been a slight rise in the temperature and the sick man at 2 o'clock a bulletin was issued which said that the patient's temperature had risen to 101 and his pulse to 92. Dr. Hughes declined to make any comment on this change in the Senator's condition, merely saying that his patient required sleep. He added that Senator McCarren was not able to fall into a sound sleep, although he slept intermittently. No further news was given until 5 o'clock.

Late in the afternoon reports were circulated extensively throughout Brooklyn that the patient had had a sinking spell and that he was dead. At the hospital it was said that he was a very sick man, although every hope was held out for his recovery. There was a report to the effect that a cancerous growth had been discovered by Dr. Hughes. This was denied by Dr. Hughes.

A disturbing element around the hospital yesterday morning was the noise of workmen making alterations in the rear of the hospital building on Manjer street, and orders were issued to abandon the work. Police Capt. William Shaw of the Stange street station detailed Bicycle Policeman Edward Killane to patrol the street all around the hospital building and prevent unnecessary noises. The drivers of all kinds of vehicles were approached before they reached the hospital and were compelled to walk their horses.

Among those who called at the hospital in the course of the day was the Rev. Thomas Carroll, pastor of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in North Sixth street, which Senator McCarren attended. Other visitors were: Henry Haggerty, the Senator's law partner; Isaac M. Rappaport, Democratic nominee for justice of the Supreme Court; Samuel S. Whitehouse, Deputy Street Cleaning Commissioner; Owen J. Murphy, Congressmen George H. Lindsay and Deputy Commissioner John H. McCooey.

Dr. Hughes in the course of conversation last evening said that Senator McCarren for a long time had been run down from overwork, the strain of his political life having told heavily upon him. A long rest in case of recovery would be necessary.

Members of the Senator's family made it known last evening that the aged mother of the sick man is still in ignorance of his critical illness and that she is yet under the care of a nurse in the Senator's apartment at Berry street. It was said that should the news of his condition reach the shock of it would endanger her life. The aged woman has always idolized Senator McCarren. His political activities kept him away from his home for sometimes a week at a time and then again for more than a month or two. She therefore does not miss him, but no matter where he has been he has never failed to keep in communication by letter with her.

Sister Anne, one of the most experienced nurses in the hospital, is in attendance on the patient. A few years ago while attending an operation on one of her patients, she cut and bled a patient in the finger, the hand and finally the arm had to be amputated.

The illness of Senator McCarren caused a big stir in Brooklyn and politics followed yesterday morning, and it was through-out the day the absorbing topic: the Senator. Hall headquarters, where he had been for several hours since the opening of the district leaders and active

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workers in the organization called in the course of the day to express their sympathy for the stricken Senator and to inquire about the latest tidings from the hospital. The men who have been actively identified in the war on his leadership also joined in the regrets over his illness and the hope that he would recover.

The close associates of Senator McCarren at headquarters had noticed that for several days he had not been feeling in his usual good health, but to visitors he seemed as well as usual and remained hard at work mapping out the campaign plans until a few hours before his removal to the hospital. Senator McCarren had virtually completed all the arrangements for the campaign, and they will be carried out without any change.

Arthur C. Salmon, treasurer of the Democratic county committee and one of the Senator's closest friends, said that there was no truth in the report that a meeting of the executive committee had been called. It is probable, however, that in a few days there will be a joint meeting of the provisional committee and the executive committee to discuss campaign details, but with no intention of placing the Senator in the chair of the executive committee. The provisional committee, of which former Justice Augustus Van Wyck is chairman, was appointed to take supervision of the affairs of the party until after the election and the relations of Senator McCarren with the committee have all along been harmonious. Not one nomination for any of the local offices has been made through the joint action of the provisional and executive committees.

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CLEVELAND WASN'T FOR TAFT

THOUGHT JOHNSON WAS THE HOPE OF THE DEMOCRACY.

And Wrote a Letter to E. Prentiss Bailey Saying So About the Time When He Was Represented as Writing the Taft Eulogy—His Last Important Letter.

UTICA, Oct. 14.—E. Prentiss Bailey, veteran editor of the Utica Observer and close friend of Grover Cleveland, to-night prints in his newspaper the text of a letter he received from the former President a few days before Mr. Cleveland went to Princeton, N. J., where he died later, and which Editor Bailey believes is the last letter of any length or importance that Cleveland wrote.

Mr. Cleveland's letter to Mr. Bailey is dated at Princeton, N. J., March 14, 1908, and its contents are particularly interesting in the light of the controversy precipitated a year ago by the so-called Cleveland letter produced by Broughton Brandenburg, which was subsequently alleged to have been a forgery and for selling which Brandenburg was prosecuted in New York. The letter which Brandenburg gave to the public made it appear early in the Presidential year that Mr. Cleveland, becoming hopeless of his party, had turned an eulogist of Taft, the then expected nominee of the Republicans.

Brandenburg testified in his own behalf early this year that the letter was signed by Mr. Cleveland and given to him about March 8, 1908. The letter which is given below was written to the editor of the Observer six days later than that date, and it shows that Mr. Cleveland was still with his party and instead of having Taft in mind was contemplating with satisfaction the possible nomination of John A. Johnson of Minnesota for the Presidency by the Democrats. The letter in part follows:

PRINCETON, N. J., March 14, 1908.

MY DEAR MR. BAILEY: I have read with a great deal of satisfaction regarding you as one of my oldest and best personal friends, as well as one of the staunch political comrades still remaining to wage warfare in the Democratic cause, your solicitude concerning my health and the kind expressions contained in your letter are most gratifying.

I often recall past political contests and those who were prominent as leaders in days past in winning Democratic victories. I do not know but your thoughts are often turned to me, and if they are you must feel the same surprise that I do in being able to recall so few who yet survive. It does not seem to me that the successors of these old leaders naturally give rise to great confidence or hope. Still I cannot rid myself of the idea that our party, which has withstood so many clutches with our political opponents, is not doomed at this time to sink to a condition of useless and lasting decadence.

In my last letter to you I expressed myself as seeing some light ahead for Democracy, I cannot help feeling at this time that the light is still brighter. It does seem to me that movements have been set in action which, though not at the present time of large dimensions, promise final relief from the burden which has so long weighed us down.

I have lately come to the conclusion that our best hope rests upon the nomination of Johnson of Minnesota. The prospects to my mind appear as bright with him as our leader as with any other, and whether we meet with success or not, I believe with such a leader we shall be able to keep in the way of returning to our old creed and the old policies and the old plans of organization which have heretofore led us to victory.

I received a letter a few days ago from James Donahoe of New York, an old war horse of Democracy, now 84 years old, but still active in the practice of his profession. He said to me that though he was by a number of years older than I he not only hoped but expected to live to see a Democratic President in the White House. I often think that with me and such a veteran in four days now such hope and expectation on my part can hardly be regarded as entertained, but I confess that I am somewhat ashamed of such pessimistic feeling when I read the cheery and confident words contained in this old veteran's letter.

I do not want you to suppose that a feeling of pessimism toward political affairs is habitual with me. On the contrary, such a condition of mind is quite infrequent and so temporary that it yields quickly to a better mood and a settled conviction that our party before many years will march from the darkness to the full light of glorious achievement.

Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, Mr. Cleveland's physician, who was in Utica recently, believes the letter given above was the last of any length or importance that the former President wrote. When Dr. Bryant was called to Lakewood two days after it was written, Mr. Cleveland spoke of this "long letter," which he had written only a day or two before Mr. Bailey, though he may not at the time have regarded it as a legacy to his party.

Editor Bailey to-night prints the Cleveland letter simultaneously with its appearance in the "Recollections of Grover Cleveland" by George F. Parker, LL. D., secretary of the trustees of the Equitable ex-Consul at Birmingham, England, and for years close to the person and intimate confidence of Mr. Cleveland. Mr. Parker's work has just come from the press of the Century Company, New York.

HANNA'S MOTHER PROTESTS.

Says She Will Seek to Annul His Marriage to Miss Leavitt.

The announcement of the marriage of Carl H. Hanna, son of Dan Hanna, and grandson of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna, printed yesterday morning, brought out the following statement, which was given out yesterday afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria on behalf of Mrs. Hanna: "My daughter, Gertrude Leavitt Hanna, is a complete surprise to me and is not sanctioned by my parents. As my son is a minor and the bride is ten years his senior, every fair means was adopted to prevent his engagement or marriage."

I am advised that the marriage is voidable at my option, and such steps will be taken as to its annulment as the young man's welfare may require.

Mrs. Stallo's statement did not at all meet the approval of the Leavitt family. Mrs. George C. Kobb, an aunt of the young Mrs. Hanna (Gertrude Leavitt), speaking for the Leavitt family, said last night that in the first place the bride was not ten years his senior, but was not more than three or four years older. Mr. Hanna is now 19 years old, and his wife, Mrs. Kobb says, is 23.

Further than this the Leavitt family does not agree with Mrs. Stallo that the marriage is "voidable at her option," and believe that she has been wrongly advised on that point. They are inclined to the belief that it is voidable at nobody's option but that of the court.

It was the idea, both of Mr. Hanna, Sr., and of the Leavitt family to have the young people wait until Carl Hanna was twenty-one, and then to be married in the north-east portion; but the marriage took place. Now that the young man has taken the affair into his own hands and has married Miss Leavitt, the family, they are assured that Mr. Hanna, Sr., will not take any adverse action.

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POST LEAVES PORTO RICO.

Retiring Governor Quits His Job, With Only Government Officials to See Him Off.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Oct. 14.—Regis H. Post, the retiring Governor, sailed for New York to-day. Only Government officials were at the pier. None of the leaders of the political parties went to bid him farewell.

Col. R. G. Colton, the newly appointed Governor, will be inaugurated early in November. Until then George C. Ward, Secretary of Porto Rico, will act as Governor.

CHAR'S VISIT POSTPONED.

Will Not Go to Italy, as Planned, Because of the Unrest There.

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ROME, Oct. 14.—It is said that in consequence of the strike and the general ferment the czar's visit has been postponed indefinitely.

GERALD FITZGIBBON DEAD.

Was Lord Justice of Appeal in Ireland From 1878—His Career.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Right Hon. Gerald FitzGibbon, Lord Justice of Appeal in Ireland since 1878, died at 6 o'clock this evening.

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